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General information about Shootmania and our tutorials

Since Nadeo games are very similar, lots of game mechanics and techniques are equally similar. For that reason, whenever you don't find a specialised Maniaplanet tutorial, you can always **fall back to our "old" extended TM Nations/United tutorials** and you'll be just fine.

How good are the tutorials on Mania Creative ?

For TMN and TMU, the tutorials have been all-inclusive, pretty much no questions left. That made reading and learning a bit time consuming, so the Maniaplanet tutorials will cover the robust basics, all "professional" stuff will be a matter for forum talks, so be sure to visit the desired subforum for all your questions.

Can I use a Mania Creative tutorial on my own website ?

In general, we do not allow anyone taking full tutorials from our website. Please don't let yourself be caught copying our material.
However, you can use **unmanipulated extracts** of them and only if you **link back to the original tutorial** on your website.

What are "Planets" ?

Planets are the ingame money of Maniaplanet. Planets are usually gained by driving good official times in the "solo play" campain, by gaining official ladder points or by selling your own content to other people (via Manialinks or Packs).
You can spend your planets on buying other peoples' stuff (like avatars, car skins and maps), by opening up a dedicated server account in the **player page menu** or by donating it to people and services you like :-)

In order to spend planets, you need an activation code first, which you usually receive via Email after creating your ingame account.

How to get the best graphic performance ?

In the config launcher, you can chose between different presets or you can customise your game experience with all sorts of customisation options.
If you experience lags, stuttering or graphical abnormalies, try switching the options in the advanced/"compatibility" section of your settings, with focus on Vsync, CPU/GPU synchro, check lags, render readbacks and lightmap options.
Go for trial and error there, otherwise consult the people in the official support forum.

Ports to open in your firewall / router

The standard ports are **2350, 3450 / Protocol TCP+UDP**. It should be sufficient if you free/forward these ports in your firewall or router, so data can freely flow between you and other servers / clients. If you want to change these ports, go into your config launcher/network and edit the ports there.

I can't see a certain Mediatracker / Game effect

That's probably because your graphics settings aren't high enough (respectively, your graphics card isn't good enough). There are indeed some special effects which can only be seen with high settings and actual hardware.

My XYZ doesn't work

If it is of a technical or account related matter, check the **official support forum**. If it is about creative works, consult **our talk section**.

Developer API / Services

Nadeo offers access to **developer services** which could assist you in creating your own service or website model. To use these services, you should be able to use the PHP programming language to quite an extent.

Do you want to get hacked / stolen from ?

If no, do NEVER give your serial number (player key), password or activation key or **PARTS OF IT** to **ANYONE** but employees from Nadeo, Ubi or Metaboli and only when the support issue makes it absolutely necesary !

You lost your download / serial number / activation key ?

That's because you're dumb ;-) But we can help you this much from here:
- You can always download the setup.exe from the **player page**.
- There you can also get a new activation key if you lost your old one.
- After you bought the game, you received an email, containing your Transaction code and your serial number (player key). - Keep a backup of these at all costs. If you lose them, you need to contact Metaboli / Gamesplanet / Ubi directly, depending on where you bought it.

Go and ask **HERE** for further steps, after all Mania Creative does not offer such support.

Is there an official support forum ?

Yes, it's called **maniaplanet forum**. Please go bother these people with account related or technical issues.

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